

## CHAPTER 707

(House Bill 175)

AN ACT concerning

## Unemployment Insurance Law - Benefits

FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum weekly unemployment insurance benefits, adding new categories to the benefit schedule, correcting certain references, relating generally to unemployment insurance benefits and correcting an error therein.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article 95A - Unemployment Insurance Law  
Sections 3(b) and 3(c)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1969 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 3(b) and 3(c) of Article 95A - Unemployment Insurance Law, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

## Article 95A - Unemployment Insurance Law

3.

(b) (1) Weekly Benefit Amount. An individual's "weekly benefit amount" shall be determined by applying the total of wages paid him for insured work in that calendar quarter of his base period in which such total wages were highest to column (A) in "schedule of benefits" set forth below. Upon determination as to the division of said schedule for which such individual's high quarter wages qualify, the weekly benefit amount shall be the amount shown on the same line in column (B).

Provided, if a claimant had not earned qualifying wages, as required in § [4(e)] 4(D) of this article, for the weekly benefit amount shown in the schedule of benefits on the basis of his earnings in the calendar quarter of the base period in which his earnings were highest, but did earn qualifying wages for a lower division on said schedule, he is to be considered eligible for benefits as shown in said lower division. Provided further, that in no event shall any claimant be permitted to drop down more than three divisions as shown